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The Honorable Bill Hardiman, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan State Senate
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Dudley Spade, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Spade:

Section 719 of 2008 Public Act No. 248 requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to notify the legislature at least 30 days before closing or making any change in the status of a juvenile justice facility. On October 3, 2009, there will be a change in organizational structure of Maxey Training School. This reorganization will necessitate a reduction in the number of employees at the facility.

This change is made necessary due to the reduction in the size of the Maxey facility in anticipation of the move to Green Oaks Center and the Department of Corrections occupying part of the Maxey Campus. These reductions are already anticipated in the proposed executive and Senate versions of the Department of Human Services FY2010 budget.

We recognize that these changes do not happen in a vacuum and will have impacts throughout the juvenile justice system. We are committed to working in partnership with the courts, private providers, and local DHS offices to minimize these challenges and continue to provide quality services for youth in the State of Michigan. If you have any questions, please contact John Evans, Director, Bureau of Juvenile Justice at 517.335.3489 or by email at evansj7@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

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C: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
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